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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. The Examiner is also thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of April 2, 2009, during which the claim rejections were discussed and the Examiner agreed that the amendments made herein would overcome the non-statutory subject matter rejection. Claim amendments along the lines discussed during the telephonic interview and similar to those agreed by the Examiner to define over the prior art have also been made.

I. The Claimed Invention

The present invention, as recited in amended independent Claim 56, for example, is directed to a system for providing configuration data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a plurality of source mailboxes. The system includes a user system including a processor and at least one email client using the processor for accessing the plurality of source mailboxes, and a mailbox configuration data source having configuration parameters stored therein for configuring access to the plurality of source mailboxes from the at least one email client. The system also includes a web service for allowing the user system to access the plurality of source mailboxes, and a configuration module for retrieving from the mailbox configuration data source, without user intervention, respective configuration parameters for at least one source mailbox, and for configuring the web service also without user intervention. The configuration module has at least a portion remote from the user

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system and includes an import module having at least one mailbox import agent corresponding to the at least one email client for retrieving, without user intervention, configuration parameters from the mailbox configuration data source and generating respective configuration data objects for each respective one of the plurality of source mailboxes.

Independent Claim 64 is directed to a corresponding method of independent Claim 56 and has been amended similar to amended independent Claim 56.

II. The Claims are Patentable

A. Claims 56-63 Are Directed To Statutory Subject Matter

The Examiner rejected Claims 56-63 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent Claim 56 has been amended, as discussed during the telephonic interview, to recite a processor, and at least one email client using the processor for accessing the plurality of source mailboxes. The Examiner agreed that the above-noted claim amendments would overcome the non-statutory subject matter rejection. Accordingly, Claims 56-63 are directed to statutory subject matter.

B. Amended Independent Claims 56 and 64 Are Patentable

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 56 and 64 over a combination of Smith et al. and the Temple reference. Independent Claims 56 and 64 have been amended, along the lines as discussed during the telephonic interview, to recite the configuration module having at least a portion remote from the user system. Applicant submits that even a selective combination of Smith et al. and Temple fails to disclose the claimed

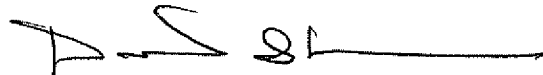
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invention, as recited in amended independent Claim 56 and 64, and as similarly agreed to by the Examiner. More particularly, even a selective combination of the prior art fails to disclose the contended configuration module having at least a portion remote from the contended user system. Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 56 and 64 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

III. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If the Examiner determines any remaining informalities exist, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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